

merican Army. Knowing Morry, no doubt the soldiers in his unit will soon be folk dancing. His charming wife, Nancy, will join him in Germany in December. With Arden Johnson in Japan and Morry in Germany, they leave a serious gap in the folk dance field in Minnesota, where Morry was instrumental in organizing the Minnesota Federation and in building up a splendid group of talented dancers. He will be greatly missed. Good Luck.



Bill Brooks Wed

On July 22nd, William Merrill Brooks took the "fatal plunge" and married in St. Louis, Missouri, a very pretty girl by the name of Eleanor (sorry, I have forgotten her surname). This will be news to many in the East and Canada where dashing Bill made many conquests among the pretty girls.

Bill was on tour with Vyts and it was during their stop in Arden, Delaware, that he again met Eleanor who lived next door to the home of his parents. He applied the biblical injunction of "love thy Neighbor" and it has resulted in marriage. Eleanor is a lovely girl, a good folk dancer and the mother of a cute three-year old, the child of a previous marriage. Bill is an excellent folk dancer, square dance caller, a navel vet, who was stationed in the Aleutians, and a veteran of many national folk festivals, being a member of the French group and others at International House. Bill and Eleanor are making their home in Chicago. Good Luck.

Barton-Peters

The handsome couple in North Dakota, were united in marriage on June 9th at St. James Catholic Church, Jamestown. Those married were Mary Barton and PFC Neil Peters, both of Jamestown. Neil is with the Air Force. He is an active young man and during his early teens held honors with the 4-H organization. He attended Notre Dame and his entire family are good friends of Viltis. The wedding was one of the most sumptuous of the season, the roses for the altar being flown in from Portland, Oregon. Our best of luck to you.

MacDonld-Moore

Los Angeles, California, folk dancers saw one of their active members and leader, Thais (Terry) MacDonald, married to Henry "Danny" Moore, on June 24th. Thais, who was the leading spirit of the Southern California folk dancers, also instructed at Griffith Park and elsewhere. Danny was not originally a folk dancer, but he has become one and is quite good at it. Our best wishes to you two.

Zallys-Gardam

Wanda Zallys, actress, singer, dancer and school ma'am, is now also a housewife. She was married on June 24th to Peter Gardam at the Hilton Chapel of the University of Chicago Theological Seminary, and then took off on a two months honeymoon through California and the West, returning with thrilling memories. To Wanda and Peter "Ilgiausiu Metu."

Rose-Nichols

Another June wedding was that of Doris Rose and Mervin Nichols. The wedding took place in Madison, Wisconsin. Doris, a former member of LYS (Lithuanian Youth Society) is a National Folk Festival vet and

is a nurses' supervisor graduate. She is a beautiful red head. Her husband is a real estate man and they will make their home in Madison.

Serika-Zweyers

Ann Sereika, excellent folk dancer and office holder in the "Ateitis" Lithuanian folk dance group, was married on August 6th, to Thomas Zweyers. The wedding took place in Chicago. Ann has danced since she was a little girl, has belong to a church choir, and has been active in general. She, too, is a National Folk Festival vet, and dancing has been her great love. Good luck.

Frined-Kaupas

The handsomest Chicago couple of the season were Mary Friend and Edward Kaupas who were united in marriage on August 11th at St. Lawrence Church. Eddie Kaupas was a member of the "Ateitis" folk dance group and also soloed quite a bit. He is an excellent dancer. He is a vet, having served with the United States Army in Japan. Mary and Eddie are both attending Michigan State at East Lansing, where they are making their home in a trailer.

Schellhase-Golden

Larry Golden, folk dancer and square dance caller of good reputation, and Bobbe Schellhase were married on September 22nd at St. Clare's Church. Larry belonged to the French group and has square dance groups for which he calls. He helped Vyts considerably on Viltis. Happy dancing to Larry and Bobbe.

Samas-Girskis

Two more Ateitis dancers, Bernadette Samas and Alfas Girskis, became one on November 17th. Bea is the other half of an identical twin, Terry, who was married last year. Both sisters are old timers in the Ateitis organization and National Folk Festival vets. Alf was discharged recently from the United States Army. Our best to both of you.



Deborah Sarett Saunders

A little honey (Deborah, Hebrew for bee) was born to Charlotte (nee Sarett) and George Saunders on September 11th, in Chicago, weighing six pounds, quite a bit of sweetness. Charlotte was an excellent dancer and soloist with LYS, and National Folk Festival vet, as well as a WAVE.

Jeffery Lee Baskis

A big "he man" appeared on the scene at the home of Ruta (nee Bruzas) and Lee Baskis on September 13, weighing 9 lbs. and 7 oz., in Chicago. Ruth was a former LYS dancer, and Lee is an overseas vet with the U. S. Army.

Alician Ann Wills

The latest census reports that a little girl was born to Clarice and Lt. Col. Wayne Wills, who now reside in Sacramento, California. Alicia weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. at birth. Wayne is a former editor of "Let's Dance", while Clarice is a former president of the California Folk Dance Federation, the former now serving Uncle Sam.

Norbert Treonis

A second son was born to Bob and Stella Kaupas Treonis on October 5th, weighing 8 lbs., 4 oz., in Chicago. He has been named Norbert. Bob, an artist, whose Lithuanian costumed dance pictures are well loved by all, is a former president and long time member of Ateitis folk dance group where he met his wife Stella. Both are National Folk Festival vets. Best of luck to the Kaupas-Treonis clans.

Felice Gail Nord

Congratulations are in order to Hans and Elayne Nord on birth of their daughter, Felice Gail, on October 12th, weighing 6 lbs., 7 oz. Hans, a naval vet, was a folk dancer at International House, Chicago, then the International Institute in Buffalo. When he was transferred to Grand Rapids, Michigan, he met his wife. They now reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

Carol Catherin Rudin

Carol arrived on November 11th, weighing 9 lbs., 7 oz., to Phyllis and Bill Rudin, former Chicagoans, now living in San Angelo, Texas, where papa Bill does YMCA work. Congratulations.



DEATHS

Mrs. Daphne L. E. Curtis

Fairhope, Alabama, lost one of its pioneers and Single Tax members when Daphne Curtis passed away on September 29th, at the age of 83. She was a very active person, had one of the jolliest senses of humor, and age bothered her not at all. Rest eternal grant her, Lord!

Mr. Joseph Dutkiewicz

On July 4th, Mr. Joseph Dutkiewicz-Dutt passed away suddenly and was buried at St. Joseph's Polish Cemetery. Death was caused by heart attack. He was active at the Northwestern University Settlement House, and during the famous annual "Harvest Festivals" presented at the Settlement House, played the part of the father of the bride, being excellent at ad-libbing, having a fine sense of humor, and being a great actor. Our deepest sympathy to the bearaved family and eternal rest to Mr. Dutt.

Mr. William Stuersel

One of Fairhope, Alabama's early settlers, Mr. Williams Stuersel, a native of Germany, passed away after a long difficult illness on July 13th and was interred in Fairhope. The editor expresses deepest regrets to the bereaved family, who are his personal friends. Eternal rest be his!

Rev. John W. Liutas

On September 2nd, in Chicago, passed away The Very Reverend Father John Liutas of the Lithuanian National Catholic Church of St. John. He was a very liberal and well educated person. Our deepest regrets to his son Claude who is a good friend of Viltis.

IN MEMORIAM SOPHIE ERDMANN EXNER 1864—1951

Born in Algoma, Wisconsin, died on September 14th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I will fondly remember you, Auntie dear. Vyts.

DANCE OF LIETUVA

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DANCE OF LIETUVA by Vytautas Finadar Beliajus, Chicago, Clayton F. Summy Co., 1951, 96 pp, \$5. (The author is our friend "VYTS.")

This book of fifty-four dances of Lithuania is a welcome addition to the folklore collections which represent the cultural heritage of American Citizens who had their roots in many lands. The few printed descriptions of Lithuania dances which have been scattered in general collections are now to be found in this single volume, in addition to many others which are being danced by new Lithuanian arrivals in the United States and Canada and are new to the general folk dancing public. These beautiful traditional dances fill a gap which has too long existed in our folk dance background. This collection no doubt will also be given a hearty welcome by Lithuanians in their native country.

DANCE OF LIETUVA satisfies many age groups and interests, being divided into Kindergarten Singing Games, Dances for Intermediate, Advanced and Ball Room dancers. This latter classification again points to the fact that ball room dances, whether they are Russian, Old Time English, Old Time American, Lithuanian or any other nationality have crept into the category now generally called folk dances.

Intersting background material is included in this volume, including facts regarding Lithuanian places, names, Lithuanian history, national costumes and words for the songs which accompany some of the dances.

The dances are described with excellent clarity and the many pictures and diagrams of dance positions make it a book which even the inexperienced dancer will find of great value. Music arranged for piano is given for each dance.

Folk dancers, folk lorists and collectors of folk music all say "Thank you, Vyts," for this excellent contribution to the written record of folk culture.

AMONG OUR SERVICE FRIENDS

Lt. Arden Johnson, popular suare dance caller and folk dancer from Minneapolis, Minnesota, is now in Japan. Arden, who was the former editor of "Round Up", is in charge of Recreation with the United States Air Force.

Sgt. Joe Yanulaitis, former "Vyts" leader in Philadelphia, was transferred to Germany. Another popular "Vyts" member of the Detroit branch, Vincent Boris, and also a folk dancer of that group, was recently drafted.

Lt. Bruce Bliss of Provo, Utah, is now in Korea where he has already seen front line action.

Back to the States on the rotation plan are: athletic star Bill Welch of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and